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Darkness Rising: Disciples Of The Horned One Volume One (Soul Force Saga Book 1)



Synopsis

Damien St. Cloud is a failure. Born with the most powerful soul force anyone has ever seen, he can't get it to work. The next in a long line of warlords, Damien is a disappointment to his legendary father and a weakling compared to his perfect sister. Everything Changes when a visiting sorcerer proclaims Damien isn't a warlord at all, but a sorcerer! Damien is thrust into a world of magic and intrigue, war and death. Behind the scenes a dark and ancient evil is rising once more, intent on destroying everything Damien cares about. Can Damien, along with his sister and allies expose this evil and save the kingdom? Read on for a tale of action and adventure, love and friendship. The Darkness is rising. Who will survive?

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Customer Reviews

Standard tropes delivered with a smooth writing style. MC is an "Ugly Duckling" mistakenly identified as a potential high-powered Warlord, someone that strengthens their body with magic, he was subjected to brutal training as a child. The mistake is discovered and he is bundled off to have specialty training in his new career as a rare external spell caster. The only problem to this book is

that the MC needs to have more emotions. The secondary characters are more interesting and steal the scenes while the MC is busy doing the "Hero Thing." Still, the book was a quick read and the plot flowed along. Verdict: I will read the sequel(s).

Relatively straight-ahead fantasy, well executed. The plot doesn't stray too far from the usual tropes, but there are enough tweaks and surprises to keep things interesting, and there are characters that are complex enough to balance things out. I have to say I loved Lord Darkness, as he insists on calling himself; he alone brings enough humour to lighten the book's tone. To get technical for a second, the pacing is smooth and pretty fast, there are few proofreading errors, and the editing is solid. POV's aside from the main protagonist added to the story, and it didn't feel like there was unnecessary filler. I'm looking forward to the next book in the series.

Like time skips? Like no explanations on anything? Get this book. After less than a 3rd of the book, we have skipped like 5 years, all the training, and no background on relationships. The story isn't horrible, but you need to just accept that anything he alludes to, happened "off screen" like goku learning the spirit bomb.

Damien St Cloud is a not too complex character that would be more at home in one of high school anime stories with overpowered main characters being cold, stoic, with a kind heart and hidden genius. However, the story was enjoyable from end to end, and there are some good stories from the perspective of the side characters.

Smooth flowing story with lots of action and very likeable characters. The author introduced several memorable characters that enhanced the story and did not overshadow the main character, nor bog the story down. I am looking forward to reading book two.

This is a story of a young boy named Damian, son of the king's right hand. Training to be a warlord (warrior with magical powers), Damian is struggling because he does not possess their powers. Mislabeled from birth Damian finds that he is a different kind of sorcerer. Soon shipped off to learn his new training Damian will soon learn powers beyond his imagination which cause all to fear him. Travels and enemies will soon be a large part of his life but how will he survive the attacks on his life. This story is your average sword and sorcery book but told slightly differently. You will find all women are stunningly beautiful (which gets annoying after a while) but you will not find mass orgies

or In depth sex. You will read a short mention of sex between Damian and a demon in a sword (confusing and pointless I know). You will also read at the very end a corrupt governor that has a fetish for young girls (no sex but dominatrix barely mentioned, less than 2 pages). Other than these touchy topics it is a clean book that would be a 3 star book if not for these negatives I found. Did not see many grammar errors which was nice.

I really enjoyed reading this book and am looking forward to the next one. I didn't really like the many of the female characters though. I think the father should have watched over the connection between Damian and Lizzie. It doesn't seem like a good connection that having a sorcerer in love with a demon whose main food outside of the sword was sorcerers.

Phenomenal strength in the characters. Book 1 helped develop a foundation for Damien's abilities which he was never short of. Book 2 is more of a side adventure of his. Enjoyed the plot twists and connections within the story and the previous one. Was a bit slow at times and some things were obviously going to happen. Couldn't stop reading this. Looked forward to it. Overall, an enjoyable read..

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